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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - January 28, 2008

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Carlos Guajardo-Izabal was sentenced today in federal court in San Diego on one count of importation of more than 5 kilograms of cocaine and one count of possession of more than 5 kilograms of cocaine with the intent to distribute. United States District Judge John A. Houston sentenced Guajardo-Izabal to serve 60 months in prison and four years of supervised release. Guajardo-Izabal was convicted of both counts after a jury trial on May 18, 2007.

Court records establish that Guajardo-Izabal was arrested on October 27, 2006, at the Calexico, California West Port of Entry, as the driver of a 2000 Chevrolet Malibu bearing California license plates. A close inspection of the vehicle by Customs and Border Protection officers at the port of entry resulted in the discovery and seizure of 30 packages of cocaine hidden in the front bumper area of the vehicle. The cocaine had a high level of purity and a net weight of approximately 30.26 kilograms (66.57 pounds).

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 06cr2402-JAH

CARLOS GUAJARDO-IZABAL

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 21, United States Code, Sections 952 & 960 (Importation of Cocaine)

Title 21, United States Code, Section 841(a)(1) (Possession of Cocaine with the Intent to Distribute)

AGENCIES

Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Customs and Border Protection